

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 August 65 31/0320Z	2. LOCATION Lake Melissa, Minnesota
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Satellite (ECHO II)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Starlike object about as bright as VENUS observed near the North Star moving in a Northerly direction. Slow movement. Passed through 5 deg of arc in 5 minutes. North Star at 50 deg elevation. Sighting resembles Satellite observation ECHO II over the area at 0912PM at 67 deg elevation moving NE.
7. COURSE Northerly	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	



30 Aug 65

December 17, 1965

Mrs Hunt/SAFOICC/72842/16 Dec 65

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is in reply to your report of an aerial object which you were unable to identify on the night of August 30, 1965.

A check of the satellite schedules indicate that the object you observed was probably ECHO II which was passing over the area at 9:12 PM at 67 degrees elevation moving northeast on that date.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPAULDING  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Civil Branch  
Community Relations Division  
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED] in  
[REDACTED]  
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, 56501

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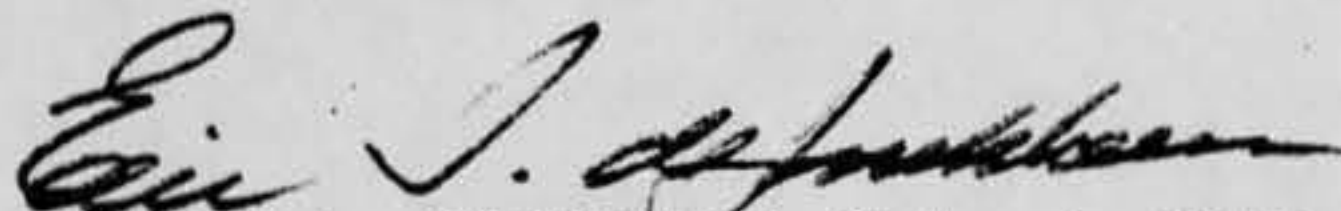
REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: TDEW/UFO  
SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, 30 Aug 65

OCT 22 1965

TO: Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs Hunt)  
Wash D C 20330

Mr [REDACTED] of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, reported a UFO observation on the night of August 30 at about 9:20 pm CST. The object resembled a star comparable in magnitude to the planet Venus. Mr [REDACTED] stated that the object moved through about 5 degrees of arc in five minutes. The initial sighting was adjacent to the North Star and the object disappeared behind tall trees. The planet Venus has a stellar magnitude of -3.4 and Polaris was at about 47 degrees elevation at the time of the sighting. A speed of 1 degree of arc per minute is probably underestimated since the position of the object at initial observation and disappearance indicates that the object passed through more than 5 degrees of arc. The satellite Echo II has a maximum reported stellar magnitude of -2.0. This satellite was over the area at 9:12 pm at 67 degrees elevation moving Northeast. Since the sighting is characteristic in description of a satellite, and Echo II was over the area, we believe that this was the object which Mr [REDACTED] observed.

FOR THE COMMANDER

  
ERIC T de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF  
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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Ltr [REDACTED]



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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF TDDC

8 September 1965

SUBJECT Report of UFO Sightings

TO Foreign Technology Division  
Air Force Systems Command  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

The enclosed letter from Mr. [REDACTED] is forwarded as  
a matter of possible interest to your division.

*Homer G. Goebel*

HOMER G. GOEBEL  
Brig Gen, NDakANG  
Base Detachment Commander

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Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio



September 1, 1968

Frederick in Fargo, Minn.,  
Fargo, North Dakota

Gentlemen:

Subject: U.F.C. Sighting  
Location: North shore, Lake Melism

On the night of August 30 about  
10.20 P.M. (7.20 C.S.T.) I was looking north-  
ward and had just located the North Star  
for my D.S. and noticed a bright object  
adjacent to the North Star and moving slowly  
northward. Its brightness was equal to  
that of Luna when full and, as to speed,  
I estimate that it subtended an arc of about  
5° in as many minutes before disappearing  
behind tall trees among which I stood. I  
judge that it was not a meteorite because  
of its slow speed and it did not leave a  
dramatic trail. My wife had time to come  
out of our house and observe it also.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]